GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Irrigation Facilities
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khet-Talab (field-pond) Scheme under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been implemented to provide irrigation facilities to people living within the bracket of Below Poverty Line (BPL) along with the beneficiaries of Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States where such Khet-Talab (field-pond) Scheme has been implemented and the number of beneficiaries of this scheme;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Khet −Talab (Farm Pond) work is permitted under MGNREGA and it is being constructed in many States depending on their topography & agro-climatic conditions, to provide irrigation facilities. It is permitted on the land of beneficiaries mentioned at Para -5 of Schedule-I, MGNREGA, i.e. SC, ST, nomadic tribes, denotified tribes, other families BPL, women-headed household, physically handicapped headed households, beneficiaries of land reforms, the beneficiaries under the Indira Aawas Yojana, beneficiaries under the ST & other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and after exhausting the above categories on lands of small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008, subject to the condition that such households shall have a job card with at least one member willing to work on the project undertaken on their land or homestead. State/UT-wise details of farm ponds works sanctioned to beneficiaries under MGNREGA since inception is given in Annexure.

(c)&(d): All the States/UTs have been advised from time to time for creation of productive assets. The Ministry has recently issued action plan for convergence of Integrated Watershed Management Programme and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for achieving the goals of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana by taking up irrigation, watershed, water harvesting/ conservation works.

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